

## Safety in Council Chambers today

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT DEBORA JUAREZ**

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TO: Councilmembers  
FROM: Council President Juarez  
RE: Safety in Council Chambers today

Colleagues-

My office has received complaints about safety in the council chambers at the July 21, 2023 meeting of the Sustainability and Renters' Rights committee. Concerns about safety have also been expressed by members of the public regarding today's council meeting. Unfortunately, events have happened where people do not feel safe at city hall.

In response, my office has alerted our City Clerk and head of City Hall Security of these concerns to ensure that we are doing all that is possible to have a meeting which will allow safe participation by the public.

Regardless of anyone's position on an issue, it is vital that we all take steps to encourage expression of opinion free from intimidation or threats. This includes discouraging protesting at individual private homes which impact family members.

Thank you for supporting safe council chambers and proceedings.

**Debora Juarez**

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